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Grodno, October 16.

THE General Dyet of this Kingdom continues to meet daily. Their Marſhal on the 13th Inſtant acquainted them, that the King being informed that Prince Dolhorucki, the Czar's Ambaſſadour, had uſed certain Expreſſions in the Hearing of Perſons of Credit, which might give Occaſion to a Breach of the Confidence between his Majeſty and his Subjects, he deſired the Deputies would ſend ſome of their Body to the ſaid Ambaſſadour, to be more fully informed of his Meaning, the better underſtanding of which might deſtroy all Ground of Jealouſy on this Account. Accordingly they deputed ſix of their Number, to whom the King joined from among the Senators, Prince Wiſnowiski Palatine of Cracow, the Sieur Leczinski Palatine of Kaliſz, and the Sieur Oginsky Palatine of Trock. Yeſterday the Senators began to give their Opinions upon the ſeveral Matters before them: The Primate opened the Debate, whoſe Speech contained ſtrong Expreſſions of Duty and Zeal for the King. He propoſed, among other things, to maintain and ſupport the Reſolutions of the late Dyet held at Warſaw, and the Treaty then made, as being the Foundation of the preſent Settlement and Tranquility of the Republick; to make all poſſible Inſtances to the Czar, that he withdraw his Troops out of the Dominions of Poland, and to deſire Foreign Princes in Alliance with this Crown, to join in thoſe Inſtances, but to reſolve that if they proved ineffectual, the Nobility ſhall take Arms to oblige the Muſcovites to retire; to require the Ottoman Porte to perform ſeveral Matters to which it is engaged, particularly the Demolition of Choczim; to redeem Elbing and other Places Mortgaged to the King of Pruſſia; to aſſert the Right of the Republick of Poland to the Dutchy of Courland, which in Caſe of Failure of Male Heirs of that Duke, is to be re-united to its Dominions; and to make ſome Regulations for preventing the Increaſe of the Numbers of Jews and Proteſtants in theſe Parts. Several Biſhops ſpoke afterwards, who in the main concurred in Opinion with the Primate: And then the Dyet adjourned to the 17th.

Leghorne, Oct. 21. Five Britiſh Merchant Ships arrived here this Day from Meſſina. They were chaced by a ſmall Spaniſh Privateer from Palermo, which coming up with a Britiſh Merchant-Man that was in their Company, was ſuffered to board her, ſhe having a Paſs from the Spaniſh Intendant Sig. Patino; but the Privateer, without any Regard to the ſaid Paſs, made Prize of her.

Madrid, Oct. 31. The Marquis de Nancré returned hither the 22d Inſtant, from the Eſcurial, and is preparing for his Journey hence to Paris. Orders are ſent to all the Ports of this Kingdom for the fitting out of Privateers to cruize upon the Britiſh Merchant Ships; and by two Advice Boats which ſailed from Cadiz the 11th Inſtant for Peru and New Spain, Directions were ſent to the Governours of thoſe Provinces to ſieze the Effects belonging to the Subjects of Great Britain, particularly thoſe of the Aſſiento Company. General Serrano, who commanded the laſt Flota that came from New Spain, is baniſhed to Ceuta, for neglecting to comply with the Inſtructions that had been given him not to ſuffer any Gold or Silver to be put on board that was not regiſtred. An Expreſs arrived laſt Week from Rome with Letters from Cardinal Aquaviva; it is ſaid he brought likewiſe a Brief from the Pope to ſtop the Payment of the Tenths of the Revenues of the Clergy, which our Court obtained of him for a certain Term, on Pretence of making uſe of the Money towards carrying on the War againſt the Turks, but that this Brief is ſuppreſſed. The Council of Caſtile have under Conſideration the appointing a Form for the Confirmation of Biſhops to be nominated by the King, without applying to the Pope for his Bulls, and confirmed by the Archbiſhop of Toledo, purſuant to the Reſolutions of a Council held at Toledo in the 7th Century, which were afterwards ſet aſide by a Concordatum between the See of Rome and the Crown of Spain. The Country being viſited with an exceſſive Drought, the Image of our Lady of Atocha has been carried about in Proceſſion, and expoſed in the Church of the Royal bare-footed Friars, whither the Magiſtrates and the ſeveral Religious Orders have repaired with great Solemnity to pray for Rain.

Paris, Nov. 16. M. Hop, Ambaſſadour of the States General, had a private Audience of the King the 11th Inſtant. The Council of the Regency, which had been adjourned for ſome Time, met the 12th and the two Days following. Two Orders of the Council of State have lately been publiſhed, one for putting the new Weſt-India Company in Poſſeſſion of the general Farm or Monopoly of Tobacco, which is granted to them for nine Years, commencing the firſt Day of October laſt paſt; from which Time all Perſons are forbid to ſell any Tobacco or Snuff, otherwiſe than with the Company's Allowance, and in Parcels marked with their Stamp or Seal, on Pain of forfeiting the ſame, and paying beſides a Fine of 6000 Livres; and all Magiſtrates whom it may concern are required to be aiding and aſſiſting to the ſaid Company in their enjoying the full Effect of this Grant: The other Order ſets forth, that the King having by an Order of the 21ſt of Auguſt 1717, directed that no more Duty ſhould be paid for Sea Coal imported from Great Britain or Ireland, than eight Pence for each Barrel weighing 250 Pounds, which Order was to be in Force till the firſt Day of laſt October, his Majeſty has thought fit to continue the ſame till the laſt